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Draft Habitat Conservation Plan Released for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Palm Springs, Calif. -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is making available for public review and comment, a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to cover species that may be affected by water-related activities undertaken by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The HCP proposes to provide incidental take coverage for 10 years to address 7 species – 5 of which are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act including the Owens pupfish and southwestern willow flycatcher. Activities to be analyzed by the HCP include water gathering and distribution; power production and transmission; livestock grazing; and fire management.

The project area encompasses about 314,000 acres of land in Inyo and Mono counties.

You may request copies of the documents by email to fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov, or by contacting the Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office at 760-322-2070.

Comments may be sent by U.S. mail to Kennon Corey, LADWP HCP, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Service Office, 777 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 208, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

A copy of the notice of intent was published in today's <u>Federal Register</u>. Comments will be accepted until Nov. 5, 2015.

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